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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2006**

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action of September 14, 2006. Shortened statutory period for reply expires on December 14, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed. In reply to the Office Action dated September 14, 2006, Applicant hereby requests consideration of the following:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** reflected under the heading Listing of Claims, begin on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS beginning on page 6 of this paper.